

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A printer, having a first interface and a second interface, comprising:

determining means for determining whether a request for printing from another device to provide a device ID of the printer for printing to the other another device is received from the first interface;

transmitting means for transmitting ~~[[a]]~~ the device ID of the printer to the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by ~~the~~ said determining means that the ~~device ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface; and

control means for causing, when it is determined that the ~~device ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface by said determining means, the second interface of the said printer to enter a busy state such that ~~in which~~ a printing operation is performed wherein ~~such that~~ data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed,

wherein said control means causes the second interface of the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

2. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, further comprising printing means for performing printing based on the received print data.

3. (Original) A printer according to Claim 2, wherein said printing means comprises an ink-jet printer.

4. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second interfaces each comprise a Centronics interface.

5. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein, when the print data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the second interface of the printer enters the busy state, said control means prints the received print data and, after the printing is completed, said control means releases the busy state.

6. (Currently Amended) A control method for a printer having a first interface and a second interface, said control method comprising the steps of:

determining whether a request for printing ~~from another device~~ to provide a device ID of the printer for printing to another ~~the other~~ device is received from the first interface;

transmitting ~~[[a]]~~ the device ID of the printer to the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the said determining step that the ~~device ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface; and

a control step of causing, when it is determined by the determining step that the ~~device ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface, the second interface of the said printer to enter a busy state such that ~~in which~~ a printing operation is performed

wherein ~~such that~~ data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed,

wherein said control step causes the second interface of the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

7. (Currently Amended) A control method according to Claim 6, further comprising the step of printing, when the print data is received from the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the second interface of said printer enters the busy state, the received print data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

8. (Currently Amended) A control program, stored on a computer readable medium, for a printer having a first interface and a second interface, said control program comprising the steps of:

determining whether a request for printing ~~from another device~~ to provide a device ID of the printer for printing to another ~~the other~~ device is received from the first interface;

transmitting ~~[[a]]~~ the device ID of the printer to the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the said determining step that the ~~device-ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface; and

a control step of causing, when it is determined by the determining step that the ~~device-ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface, the second interface

of the ~~said~~ printer to enter a busy state such that ~~in which~~ a printing operation is performed wherein ~~such that~~ data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed,

wherein said control step causes the second interface of the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

9. (Currently Amended) A control program according to Claim 8, further comprising the step of printing, when the print data is received by the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the second interface of said printer enters the busy state, the received print data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

10. (Currently Amended) A storage medium on which is stored a control program for a printer having a first interface and a second interface, said control program comprising the steps of:

determining whether a request for printing ~~from another device~~ to provide a device ID of the printer ~~for printing to another~~ ~~the other~~ device is received from the first interface;

transmitting ~~[[a]]~~ the device ID of the printer to the device which transmitted the request and that is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the said determining step that the ~~device ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface; and

a control step of causing, when it is determined by the determining step that the ~~device ID~~ request for printing is received from the first interface, the second interface

of the said printer to enter a busy state such that in which a printing operation is performed wherein such that data from the second interface is not received and print data from the first interface is received and printed,

wherein said control step causes the second interface of the printer to enter the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.

11. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 10, wherein said control program further comprises the step of printing, when the print data is received by the first interface within a predetermined period of time after the second interface of said printer enters the busy state, the received print data and releasing the busy state after the printing is completed.

12. (Currently Amended) A printer according to Claim 1, wherein, ~~the~~ said control means releases the busy state of the second interface when no print data is received from the first interface within ~~the~~ a predetermined period of time after the second interface of the printer enters the busy state.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 6, wherein, ~~the~~ said control step releases the busy state of the second interface when no print data is received from the first interface within ~~the~~ a predetermined period of time after the second interface of the printer enters the busy state.

14. (Currently Amended) A control program according to Claim 8,

wherein, ~~the~~ said control step releases the busy state of the second interface when no print data is received from the first interface within ~~the~~ a predetermined period of time after the second interface of the printer enters the busy state.

15. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to Claim 10, wherein, ~~the~~ said control step releases the busy state of the second interface when no print data is received from the first interface within ~~the~~ a predetermined period of time after the second interface of the printer enters the busy state.

16. (Currently Amended) A printer, having a first interface and a second interface, comprising:

a determining unit that determines whether a request to provide printer status information for printing to another device is received from the first interface;

a transmitting unit that transmits the printer status information of the printer to the device which transmitted the request and which is connected to the first interface when it is determined by the determining unit that the printer status information request for printing is received by the first interface; and

a control unit for causing, when it is determined by the determining unit that the printer status information request for printing is received by the first interface, the second interface of the said printer to enter a busy ~~status~~ state ~~where~~ such that data from the second interface is not received and print data is received from the first interface and printed,

wherein said control unit causes the second interface of the printer to enter

the busy state before the reception of the print data from the first interface.